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A.—(a) 9·02 acres.

(b) & (c) The Government have not the information. They have called for a report.

Alleged opening of a canal bund by the Sub-Collector of Tiruppattur.

* 354 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sub-Collector, Tiruppattur, accompanied by a few Muhammadans went to Anandipattu village and cut open the bunds of a channel passing through the village;

(b) under whose authority he did so;

(c) whether he held any enquiry prior to taking such action and, if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the Council table the papers connected with it; and

(d) whether some of the ryots affected thereby have submitted a petition to the Collector of North Arcot about this high-handed act of the Sub-Collector and, if so, what action has been taken on the petition and on the conduct of the Sub-Collector?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d) The Government have not the information. They have called for a report.

Revenue Establishments

Promotions in the Revenue Department of the South Arcot district.

* 355 Q.—Rao Sahib V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have received any complaints that promotions in the Revenue department of the South Arcot district to the posts of Head Accountants, Magistrates and Tahsildars are made without reference to efficiency and the fair representation of the non-Brahmans in the services?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Rao Sahib V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI:—"May I know whether the hon. Member for Revenue will be pleased to cause an enquiry to be made in this matter?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I don't think there is any need, because at the head of every district, there is the Collector, and the Board of Revenue has authority to control the work of Collectors and the members of the Board inspect their work from time to time."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether the Government have satisfied themselves that all communities receive fullest consideration in the matter of promotion in the Revenue department in the South Arcot district?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"We made no inquiry at all."

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"Is it a fact that preference is being given to one particular community to the detriment of others?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I have no information."

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Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" May I know whether the Government will see that effective representation is given to all the communities in the Revenue department in the South Arcot district ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I do not think the Government need take any action in this. The matter can be better dealt with by the Collector and the Board of Revenue."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" Is it not a fact that the minority communities are not properly represented in the Revenue department in the South Arcot district ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" Notice, Sir."

Military

Admission to the Fort premises.

* 356 Q.—Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that in December last, for examination of Fort passes, the Military at the east side part of the Fort stopped the cars of all persons having business in the Secretariat including those of Ministers and also pedestrians and refused admission to those who could not produce passes ; and

(b) what arrangements Government have made to allow people who have business in the Secretariat, e.g., either with Ministers or Members of Council to enter the Fort without difficulty ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Arrangements have been made with the Station Staff Officer to allow all those who have business in the Secretariat or Legislative Council unrestricted entry by the South Sea gate whether they possess garrison passes or not.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" With reference to the answer to clause (b), may I take it, Sir, that henceforth Fort passes will not be asked for from those who have business in the Secretariat and the Legislative Council ? "

The hon. Mr. H. G. Stokes :—" Yes, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" In view of the fact that people have business not only in the Secretariat and in the Legislative Council but also sometimes in the Accountant-General's office, may I take it that they will not be obstructed from proceeding there ? "

The hon. Mr. H. G. Stokes :—" I think so."

Medical

Conversion of the dispensary at Tiruppattur into a hospital in charge of an Assistant Surgeon.

* 357 Q.—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether he received a memorial from the Municipal Council of Tiruppattur for converting the present hospital or dispensary there into a hospital in charge of an Assistant Surgeon ; and

(b) whether he has examined the question and with what result ?